

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of distributing electronic content between first and second terminal devices, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing tailoring information in a memory module separate from and releasably attachable to at least the second terminal device, the tailoring information defining what electronic content is able to be transferred, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the second terminal device to a further terminal device;

(b) attaching the memory module to the second terminal device;

(c) while the memory module is attached to the second terminal device, reading the tailoring information from the memory module into the second terminal device;

(d) comparing the tailoring information in the second terminal device with tailoring information included with the content; and

(e) if the tailoring information in the second terminal device compares favorably with the tailoring information included with the content, transferring the defined electronic content from the first terminal device to the second terminal device according to the tailoring information.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein:

if the tailoring information in the second terminal device compares favorably with the tailoring information included with the content, then before step (e) the method further comprises the additional step of transmitting the tailoring information from the second terminal device to a third device over a radio frequency link; and

step (e) comprises transferring the electronic content to the second terminal device over the radio frequency link.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 4, wherein the method further comprises:

causing the first terminal device to enter the coverage area of the second terminal device;

sending an inquiry from the second terminal device to the third terminal device;

sending a response to the inquiry from the third terminal device to the second terminal device; and

transferring the electronic content from the first terminal device to the third terminal device according to the tailoring information .

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Q11 8. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electronic content includes copies of a periodically published item.

15. (Amended) A system for distributing electronic content, comprising:
a wireless connection for transmission of electronic content;
an element for transferring selected electronic content over the wireless connection according to predetermined tailoring information defining electronic content eligible to be transferred from the element, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by a first terminal device to a further terminal device;

Q12 a first terminal device for receiving electronic content over the wireless connection;

a memory module for storing the tailoring information, the memory module being separate from and releasably attachable to the first terminal device;

attaching means for attaching the memory module to the first terminal device;

the first terminal device being adapted to read the tailoring information from the memory module and to transmit the tailoring information to the element over the wireless connection, and

the element being adapted to transfer electronic content to the first terminal device over the wireless connection according to the tailoring information.

16. (Amended) A memory module for use with a terminal device, said memory module comprising:

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A 12 a storage medium for storing tailoring information relating to specific electronic content that the memory module authorizes to be transferrable to the terminal device, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the terminal device to a further terminal device; and

an interface for mechanically and electrically coupling the memory module to the terminal device, the memory module being releasably attachable by a user to the terminal device to bring the memory module into mechanical and electrical contact with the terminal device.

19. (Amended) A terminal device comprising:

A 13 a storage device for storing tailoring information, the tailoring information defining specific electronic content that the storage device authorizes as being transferable to the terminal device, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the terminal device to a further terminal device;

an interface for mechanically and electrically coupling the storage device to the terminal device, the interface allowing releasable attachment of the storage device by a user to the terminal device to bring the storage device into mechanical and electrical contact with the terminal device;

means for reading the tailoring information from the storage device into the terminal device when the storage device is in mechanical and electrical contact with the terminal device; and

a transceiver for transmitting the tailoring information by wireless communication in order to authorize transfer of the specific electronic content to the terminal device.

Please add the following new claims:

--20. A method of distributing electronic content between first and second terminal devices, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing tailoring information in a memory module separate from and releasably attachable to the first terminal device and the second terminal device, the tailoring information defining what electronic content is able to be transferred, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the second terminal device to a further terminal device;

(b) attaching the memory module to the first terminal device;

(c) while the memory module is attached to the first terminal device, reading the tailoring information into the first terminal device;

(d) transferring electronic content from an access point to the first terminal device according to the tailoring information;

(e) attaching the memory module to the second terminal device;

(f) while the memory module is attached to the second terminal device, reading the tailoring information from the memory module into the second terminal device; and

(g) transferring the electronic content from the first terminal device to the second terminal device according to the tailoring information.

21. A method of distributing electronic content between first and second terminal devices, said method comprising the steps of:

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(a) storing tailoring information in a memory module separate from and releasably attachable to the first terminal device, the tailoring information defining what electronic content is able to be transferred, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the second terminal device to a further terminal device;

(b) attaching the memory module to the first terminal device;

(c) while the memory module is attached to the first terminal device, reading the tailoring information from the memory module into the first terminal device;

(d) transferring electronic content from an access point to the first terminal device according to the tailoring information; and

(e) transferring the electronic content from the first terminal device to the second terminal device according to the tailoring information.

22. A method of distributing electronic content between first and second terminal devices, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing tailoring information in a memory module separate from and releasably attachable to the second terminal device, the tailoring information defining what electronic content is able to be transferred, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the second terminal device to a further terminal device;

(b) attaching the memory module to the second terminal device;

Q 14 (c) while the memory module is attached to the second terminal device, reading the tailoring information from the memory module into the second terminal device;

(d) transferring electronic content from an access point to the first terminal device according to the tailoring information; and

(e) transferring the electronic content from the first terminal device to the second terminal device according to the tailoring information.

23. A method of distributing electronic content between first and second terminal devices, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing tailoring information in a first memory module separate from and releasably attachable to the first terminal device, the tailoring information defining what electronic content is able to be transferred, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the second terminal device to a further terminal device;

(b) attaching the first memory module to the first terminal device;

(c) while the first memory module is attached to the first terminal device, reading the tailoring information from the first memory module into the first terminal device;

(d) storing the tailoring information in a second memory module separate from and releasably attachable to the second terminal device;

(e) attaching the second memory module to the second terminal device;

At 4 (f) while the second memory module is attached to the second terminal device, reading the tailoring information from the second memory module into the second terminal device;

(g) comparing the tailoring information in the first terminal device with the tailoring information in the second terminal device; and

(h) if the tailoring information in the first terminal device compares favorably with the tailoring information in the second terminal device, transferring the defined electronic content from the first terminal device to the second terminal device according to the tailoring information.

24. A method of distributing electronic content between first and second terminal devices, the terminal devices having an ability to communicate with each other over a wireless short range connection, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) storing tailoring information in a memory module separate from and releasably attachable to at least the second terminal device, the tailoring information defining what electronic content is able to be transferred, a period of time during which the defined electronic content is able to be transferred, and whether the defined electronic content can be transferred by the second terminal device to a further terminal device;

(b) attaching the memory module to the second terminal device;

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(c) while the memory module is attached to the second terminal device, reading the tailoring information from the memory module into the second terminal device;

(d) establishing a wireless short-range connection between the first and the second terminal devices;

(e) transferring the defined electronic content from the first terminal device to the second terminal device according to the tailoring information.

25. The method according to claim 24, wherein step (e) comprises transferring the electronic content in a push-mode.

26. The method according to claim 24, wherein the wireless short range connection is a Bluetooth connection.

27. The method according to claim 24, wherein step (d) includes detecting the second terminal device.

28. The method according to claim 27, wherein detecting the second terminal device includes transmitting an inquiry over the wireless short range connection.

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Q14 29. The method according to claim 28, wherein detecting the second terminal device further includes receiving a response to the inquiry from the second terminal device.

30. The method according to claim 24, wherein the first terminal device is an access point.

31. The method according to claim 24, further comprising transferring the electronic content from the second terminal device to a further terminal device.--
